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Free The Charleston Mercury of Dec. 2.

The angry South must be appeased for the time-protestations must be made, and somebody must make them. This part of the jobbing falls to the lot of the so-called "Conservatives." The "Conservatives are a very useful "institution" at the North. They mover a very good purpose, and are an essential part of the Northern policy. They are the very rear-guard of Abelitionism. The Republican army marches forward to the battle of Abolitionism, and the "Conservatives" cover their progress by diversions, and parleying, and by-play. We are neither speaking paradoxically, nor lightly, nor prejudicially. It is a very grave and momentous fact. We will illustrate our meaning. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop of Massachusetts, is a "Conservative." The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop was ejected from his seat in the Senate, some few years ago, by such a thing as Charles Sumner. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop delared in Fanceil Hall, in 1854, that his tongue would cleave to the roof of his mouth, and his right hand be lopped from his body, before he would either vote for any measure, or set his hand to any bill, by which Slavery should be allowed to enter another foot of our territories. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop is turned out of the Senate because he is too "Conservative" a man. Mr. Everett, and many other distinguished geutlement at the North, are quite as violent in their opposition to Slavery as Mr. Winthrop. But Mr. Everett is nowhere—he is run over—left behind. These geutlemen are "Conservatives." They would not bave the section; they are "conservative" gentlemen. They would not make the South too restive under their very large their would not make the South too restive under their would not make the South too restive under their would not make the South too restive under their would not make the South too restive under their would not make the South too restive under their would not make the South too restive under their would not make the South too restive under their would not make the South too content at the South. By no means—they have discretion; they are "conservative" gentlemen. They would not make the South too restive under their plucking; they would not lose their golden eggs by killing their goose. These gentlemen are far too wise—they would only gently legislate you out of all the surrounding Territories, whether you will or no; but still gently. They would thus only put a cordon of Free States around you, and then pluck you addibitum, mutil settlers from their own States had quietly occupied, by degrees, the border States—then they would push Slavery still further down toward the Gulf States—then permit its continuance or not, just as it payed them.

The difference between the "Conservatives" and the The difference between the "Conservatives" and the Republicans is just the difference between Lucifer and Batan. Lucifer is a very distingué looking individual of on indescribable age, with a handsome face, brilliant black eyes, a heavy mustache, a sombrero hat, a Spanish clook, and a rapier at his side. He is courtly gentleman, and never indulges in loud talk, and bulderdash, and violence. He would reason with you, and conduct you most politely to the mansions of the unhappy forever. Satan is a loathsome brute, with contorted features, blear cyes, a black skin, a long, forked tail, and claw-feet. Satan would wize you in his claws, drive his forked tail through you, and drag you to —, amid stenches of brimstone and sulphur.

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At every crisis in the history of the Government, when the South has cried out with indignation and protest against unconstitutional legislation and outrage, there has immediately arisen a "conservative" demonstration at the North, but the "Conservatives" are always one day after the fair; and the "Conservatives are always in a most convenient minority. They are admirable skirmishers, and cover the retreat of a bold sallying or maranaing party with great skill and exlat.

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It is not at all surprising, therefore, to find the same old game being played off now. They have got into a trick of it, and can't, for the life of them, be done with it. Besides, it is of serious importance now, that some palayer should be made for the benefit of the South. It is a sugar-plum she always expects after violence or legislative robbery. The anary temper of the South must be pacified—the Republicans have had their say over old John Brown—Abolitionism has possession of both branches of Congress—and it is a safe and capital move to make a rousing, stunning diversion on one side to draw off the fire of the South. We accordingly hear of meetings and rumors of meetings, "demonstrations" and sizes of demonstrations, by the "Conservato draw off the fire of the South. We accordingly hear of meetings and rumors of meetings, "demonstrations" and signs of demonstrations, by the "Conservatives" at the North against the poor old devil, John Brown in particular, and the first cousin of the "Conservatives," viz: the Abolitionists in general. We are to see great things and mighty resolutions, as of old. A general "glory hallelujahrum" for the preservation of the glorious Union is to resound over the whole North. The mountain is to labor in grievous travail, and will bring forth a mole.

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From The Baltimore Patriet.

"We perceive that the Loco-Foco dough-faces in Boston, New-York and Philadelphia, propose holding mestings for the purpose of appeasing the wrath of Loco-Foco disunionists in the South, at the recent exhibitions of foolish sentimentalism for John Brown, by a handful, here and there, of Abolition disunionists in those cities. If there be any character in the world that we have any contempt for, it is the dirt-cating dough-face of the Free States. He has no real regard whatever for the South and its institution, and yet, under the pretense of sympathy for them, he will proclaim himself our friend, keeping his eye steadily all the while upon the pecuniary benefit to be derived therefrom. He will do anything that Southern frecuters will require of him, even to licking the very dust off their shoes; and though these partisans are perfectly aware of his hypocrisy, ext, strange to say, they affect to be gratified at the exhibition. Why is this? Because they hope thus to get his vote. This is the sum and substance of the whole operation, and what is more, its real object. The Loco-Focos of the South demand the sacrifice, and the Loco-Focos of the North are ready to make it.

"We want nothing to do with dough-face sentiment. The American party of Maryland know what they themselves think about Slavery, and they are willing that the people of other States shall have their opinions about it too. They do not hold that a difference of opinion, on this or any other subject, is sufficient to keep the opponents of Loco-Focoism apart in the great struggle of next Fall. Indeed, they believe the expulsion of the Loco-Foco party from power will be sure to result in excluding the question of Slavery from politics entirely."

FIRE IN THE AMERICAN TRACT HOUSE.

At about 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning, just as the workpeople in the employ of the American Tract Society were repairing to their various duties in the Tract House, situated at No. 6 Spruce street, one of the men engaged in the drying department, on opening the door of the room where the sheets are dried preparatory to folding, was repulsed by a tremendous volume of heat and smoke, which, upon being ventilated, soon developed into flames. He immediately gave the alarm of fire throughout the building, and every employee, male and female, who had arrived on the premises was enabled to escape without injury.

The Fire Department was soon and well represente on the ground, and volumes of water were poured on the burning pile, although the flames for some time continued to gain headway, doubtless on account of the inflammability of the materials stored in the building. The fremen continued to work assidnously, and eventually prevented the fire from extending beyond the building in which it originated. The buildings on each aide, vis., the front building of the Tract Society, which occupies the corner of Nassau and Sprace streets, and the building No. 8 Sprace street, occupied by Seymour & Co., paper merchants, were, however, in great dan soon as possible the firemen entered the building and ejected from the windows as much of the inflammable material as they could reach.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the roof fell in, and with it the fall-wheel and gear. As the floor below, the fourth floor, contained four hydraulic presses, danger was apprehended from the probability of their falling through the floors beneath. At 12 o'clock, the floor on which these presses were standing, sunk, and with it the presses, falling through down to the first floor, carrying with them a large quantity of bookbinding apparatus, paper, and books in almost all stages of progress in

In order to avoid danger from the liability of the walls to fall out into the street at some future time, when least expected, a number of the firemen took positions on the buildings adjacent, and with ladders, ropes, and other convenient appliances, proceeded to pull-down, knock in, and knock out portions of the walls which had been disengaged by the destruction of the internal portions.

The building which has thus been destroyed is situted at No. 6 Spruce street, and was separated from he main building fronting on Nassau street by partiion walls, the only connection being that of double ron doorways, which were kept shut except when ngrees or egress was necessary for the transference of stock. In the basement of the building thus destroyed was the steam high-pressure engine which drove the achinery throughout the entire building. Between the engine-room and the front building is a square space, having also portions of the main building on the sorth and west sides, thus making an entire square in the center of the buildings.

A colored man named John Munday is employed by the Tract Society as porter, and has slept in the base ment of the front building regularly every night for upward of 25 years. Before retiring be usually examined such portions of the building as are more immediately under his care. He knew nothing, smelt nothing, and saw nothing of the disaster until apprised by the fire-

men and their engines. The lower floor of No. 6 was occupied as a warhouse, and therein were stored immense quantities of splendidly-bound books. Among the books destroyed were 400 complete sets of the "Youth's Library," each set containing 70 volumes. On the second and third floors, used as a bindery, were piles upon piles of printed sheets in readiness for the folder and binder; also thousands of covers of all kinds and qualities, from Turkey morocco to the more common kinds. The fourth floor was used as a sheet-room, and here was in readiness an immense quantity of paper for the presses. The fifth floor contained a number of hydranlic presses, and was, besides, used for a drying-The stock was entirely destroyed, and the room. machinery is a total wreck.

But little damage was done to the main building containing the printing presses, the composing rooms, and the salesroom. The presses have not been materially injured, and the main building itself has not sustained \$1,000 damage. This portion of the establishment is also covered by insurance. A number of hands, in cluding several girls, employed in the folding and bindery departments are thrown out of employment, and can receive no assistance from the Society until the managers resume work, which will probably soon be done, as we learn that all their available stock is now stored in the salesroom on Nassau street.

From the Tract Society building the fire extended to No. 8 Spruce street, occupied by Seymour & Co. as a paper warehouse on the lower floor, and printing office above. The Scottisk American Journal's office on the third floor was destroyed, and J. Searles who occupied the fourth floor as a bindery sustained about \$3,000 loss. It is said he is not insured. No. 10, occupied in the lower part by Seymour & Co., and the upper part by the American Hat Company, was considerably damaged by water and breakage. The Hat Company escaped without material damage. Messrs. Seymour & Co.'s loss will not exceed \$300, and they are fully insured.

The falling of the debris in the yard caused the roof over the boiler-rooms to fall through, and the Society will, consequently, sustain an additional loss thereby.

The steam fire-engine John G. Storm, while running to the fire, broke her forward axle in crossing the railroad switches in Centre street, opposite the New-Haven depot, and was prevented from going further. The damage will be forthwith repaired. Some time ago the steam fire-engine Niagara broke her forward axle in the same manner.

The fire greatly interfered with the city railroad care, and the Fourth avenue Company were compelled to run their cars on Chatham street and the Bowery, until the track could be cleared of the hose. How or in what manner the fire originated is unknown but the matter will be made the subject of a thorough investigation by the Fire Marshal.

As far as we could learn, the insurance on the stock

ı	of the Tract Society is as follows:	The will be
1	Etna Ins. Co., Hartford. 85,000 Merchants'	5,000
	Norwich	2,500
1	Peoples'	5,000
1	Broadway 2,500 Merchants', Boston	1,000 5,000
l	Springfield.	74,000
I	Damage about \$35,000. Insurance on buil	

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. The President, Mr. PURDY, in the Chair.
The annual estimate of the expenditures of the Board of Education, as adopted by that Board, was submitted and referred to the Committee on Annual

Taxes.

The Controller sent in a summary of expenditures for State and county purposes from Jan. 1, 1859, to Nov. 30, amounting to \$3,094,158 59, which was ordered on file.

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Sheriff Kelly sent in a bill for services of legal papers amounting to \$1,581 91. Referred to the Committee on County Offices.

A bill of W. H. Arthur & Co., \$1,522 50, for stationery for Register's Office, was also referred.

Mr. Blunt presented a resolution that the Committee on Annual Taxes be directed to examine the acts of the Board of Equilization, organized under an act of the Legislature, passed April 14, 1859, and report if the same have been beneficial to this county, and if the apportionment is just and equitable. Adopted.

Mr. Blunt presented a resolution that the room of the Board of Supervisors be assigned for the use of the Court of Appeals, as often as that Court shall hold its sessions in this city, and that the Clerk of the Board be instructed to have the same in readiness whenever no-

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Adopted.

Mr. Punny presented a resolution that the Committee on Annual Taxes be requested to report the amount of compensation to be allowed the Inspectors of Registry, and also the number of days for which the laws allowed them to change Advanced.

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By Mr. Little—That the Committee on Printing and Stationery report a detailed statement of their doings during the year, with the amount expended for printing and stationery for the county, the amount furnished county offices, stock on hand, and such other particulars as they may deem advisable. Adopted.

The Record Printing.—The Committee on Printing and Stationery reported, in relation to the printed and bound volumes of Records and Judgments of the County Clerk's office, under direction of the Commissioners of Records, that there were about 2,000,000 sheets of these records, equal to 28,000 volumes, inhound, beside the 7,500 bound volumes; that the cost of printing and binding these records amounted to nearly \$400,000, and the money had been paid therefor by the County Treasurer on the certificates of the Commissioners; that, according to the bills on file in the County Treasurer's office, 9,000 of these volumes have been bound at \$2.90 per volume; that on inquiry, they were informed that Mesers. Bowne & Hasbrouck, the contractors, immediately made a sub-contract at 75 cents are volume for the thick books, and 60 cents for dractors, immediately made a sub-contract at 75 ats per volume for the thick books, and 60 cents for cents per volume for the thick books, and 60 cents for the smaller ones, making an average of 67½ cents per volume, with a net profit of \$2 22½ on each volume; that this information was confirmed by the sub-contractor bimself, Mr. A. D. Bloodgood, and that the latter, when called on by the Committee, had offered to do similar work for 50 cents a volume; that Mr. John A. Gray had offered to do the same at 75 cents per volume; that it thus appeared that the Commissioners had paid more than four times as much as the work could have been contracted for. The immediate question before the Committee was, how these books might be disposed of for the benefit of the county; therefore, they presented a iracted for. The innacesse miles to disposed of for milite was, how these books might be disposed of for the benefit of the county; therefore, they presented a resolution that the Commissioners be requested to deliver to the Supervisors, as castodians of the property of the county, all the records of judgment, equity notices, insolvents assignments, and Sheriff's sales, of the County Clerk's Office, printed under their direction, either bound or in sheets, and which have been the county Treasurer, on the certificate of tion, either bound or in sheets, and which have been paid for by the County Treasurer, on the certificate of said Commissioners, that such disposition may be made of them, by sale or otherwise, as the Board of Supervisors may direct. Adopted.

It was directed that Norman McLeod's bill, \$447-05, for supplies furnished the County Jail, be paid. Also, the bill of Isaac Messerole, amounting to \$483, for board of witnesses during November.

A number of newspapers were ordered to be paid for publishing the election notice, and other matters. It was ordered that \$416-66 be paid to Garret Dykeman, being his salary for the last quarter as Register. The Board adjourned to Tuesday pext.

BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS. The Board of Canvassers reassembled yesterday in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, at 10 o'clock

The first seven Districts of the Fourteenth, and four Districts of the Seventeenth Ward were canvassed, when the special order of the day came on. On motion, Mr. Darragh was appointed Canvasser of the Hd Aldermanie District. A resolution was at once offered by Mr. Stephens, to appoint a Special Committee to investigate certain charges of fraed alleged to have been committed in this District.

A spirited debate casued between Mesers. Adams, Peck, and others, opposed to, and Mesers. Stephens and Lynes in favor of the resolution. The former reminded the Board that the canvass roust be completed within the ten days allowed by law. This would be impossible were special Co-amittees appointed to investigate frauds that might just as well be passed upon by the Board. The first seven Districts of the Fourteenth, and four

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The resolution was lost by a vote of 8 to 5. A post-

ponement of the canvass till Thursday noon was then moved by Mr. Stephens, but the motion was amended by Mr. Bradler, who proposed to reconsider the former vote. Both amendment and motion were lost, and Mr. Preck then moved the immediate canvass of the Hd Aldermanic District.

Messrs. Stephens and Tromer spoke carnestly against the motion, claiming that there was a principle involving the purity of the ballot-box at stake.

Mr. Preck defended his motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, and it was finally carried by a vote of 5 to 4.

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Mr. Darraon was about to proceed with the can-us of the Fourth and Sixth Wards, when Mr. Lyses vars of the Fourth and state wards, when are the stated that there were counsel in the room prepared to urge the claims of the candidates interested in the charges of fraud, and moved that they should have a

hearing.

Mr. Press strennously opposed the motion, on the ground of the consequent delay. It was lost by a vote of 6 to 5, and the Board refused to reconsider the

The canvass of that portion of the Fourth Ward con tained in the IId Aldermanic District was then proceeded with.

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In the atternoon, the whole of the Sach ward, which exception of the list District, was canvassed, the Beard adjourning at 4½ o'clock.

There were no complete Ward returns for the day, but we shall probably receive to-morrow the totals for the Fourteenth, Fourth, and Sixth Wards.

THE TEN GOVERNORS. For want of a quorum this Board failed to hold its usual weekly meeting yesterday afternoon, and it is exceedingly doubtful whether the Governors will transact any public business during the remainder of the present year. The Clerk informed our reporter that Mesers, Dugro and Townsend were out of town, and the W. Braninghaman was confined at home and that Mr. Brueninghausen was confined at home with rheumatism in his back. Mr. McElroy has not presented himself at the Rotunda since his defeat. Mesars. Wm. T. Pinkney, B. F. Pinckney, Smith, and Gunther were the only members present yesterday. Mr. Maloney has not given much attention to the matters of the department since his discomfiture for Sena-

Discharged .
Sent to Penitentiary ...
Sent to State Prisou... . 717 City Prison... 1,699 Second District Prison... 710 Third District Prison... Fourth District Prison... House..... Island Hospital, frem Alma-

CITY ITEMS.

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BULL'S HEAD.-The cattle market in Forty-second street opened yesterday with something over 2,000 head of bullocks in the yards, and enough more reported as on the way to make up full 3,000-several hundred of which arrived shortly after noon. At Albany it was anticipated that the supply for this market would be rather shorter than last week, and that consequently prices would rule higher. But it was soon ascertained, as well by the butchers as the cattle owners, after the opening of the market that the Har-lem Railroad had furnished between 700 and 800 head, and that about 100 head would come by boats from Poughkeepsie, and that a larger number than resual had arrived from Philadelphia; so that there was no lack in the supply. It was evident at a glance that the average quality of the stock was better than it has been at any market within four months. Although the market opened a little more lively, so that sales were effected quicker, we are of opinion that prices were not materially advanced from last week's rates. Real first-rate beeves were abundant, at prices only equivalent to ten cents a cound for the net weight of beef, and pretty fair ones at nine cents. In nearly all cases where the eattle brokers held their stock higher than last week, butchers held off, determined to wait until to-day and take the chance, which will doubtless be as good as yesterday, as there was as large a proportion as usual of the whole stock left over for the second day, and a much larger proportion of good bullocks suitable for first-class butchers. The weather yesterday was clear, bright, and freezing cold -very favorable for out-door business, and encouraging for the butchers to buy largely. Yet it did not will be advanced from the figures in the repo

SOLORON'S TEMPLE .- Temple Hall was visited yes. terday afternoon and evening by the deaf mutes of the Home at No. 161 East Twelfth street, on which occasion the Rev. Mr. Gallaudet addressed the pupils relative to the beauties of the Temple of Solomon, in the rigu language. All present, the children in par-ticular, seemed delighted with the beautiful model, and their joyous countenances evidenced the interest they felt in the explanations given. A large number of the public and private schools have made arrangements to visit the Temple during the coming week.

WASHINGTON IN MODERN COSTUME,-On Monday evening " certain lewd fellows of the baser sort," wh bad evidently been imbibing too freely at Pfaff's, or some other Bohemian resort, found themselves near Union-square about 10 o'clock. The full moon shining brightly, displayed the statue of the Father of his Country sitting grandly and sedately on his bronze charger, as ever, still pointing to the Church of the Pilgrims, with that significant gesture which seems to indicate that it is only by carrying out the doctrines of true liberty there preached, that the work commenced by him can be finally completed. But the sight of Washington failed to inspire these graceless revelers with proper emotions of patriotic reverence. On the contrary, they only saw in it an opportunity for a very disreputable trick. Robbing one of their number of his hat and shawl, a couple of the fellows climbed the pedestal by the aid of a ladder found within the inclosure and sacrilegiously enrapt the august shoulders with the shawl, and placed the large felt hat upon the stately head. It is a wonder that the statue did not, like its prototype in Don Giovanni, frown such a frown, and shake its head in so awful a manner, as to cause the sobered desecrators to loose their hold and fall headlong to the earth. But it appears that no such ghostly manifestation was made, for the fellows descended safely and fled, leaving the image of George Washington attired in such guise as he never wore when alive. For some reason, the metamorphose escaped the Argus-eyed policemen in that preeinct, and for an bour the passers-by were amazed at the unwonted sight. But at last, either a watchman removed the hat and shawl, or their anxious owner slunk back to recover his garments from the shrine where his companions had placed them. At any rate, the statue was denuded, and looked as cold and metallic as ever, in the clear, icy moonshine of the mid-

THE FOURTH WARD MISSION .- For once, the righ man has been found for the right place. The Rev. W C. Van Meter has been enabled to open a Mission sta tion at the corner of Oliver and Henry streets, opposite the Oliver street Baptist Church. Mr. Van Meter was formerly in connection with the Five Points Home Mission, and has made many successful visits to the West, with children from the region of the Five Points. where he has procured good and happy homes for hundreds whose hearts, in their manhood and womanhood, will bless the day that he carried them hence. It was only last week that he returned from his twenty-fourth trip, and he intends making another

by the Fourth Ward Mission has been known in time past as one of the vilest dens of infamy and iniquity in the City of New-York. -At the present time, underneath the Mission rooms, there is a grocery and rumshop, also a lager-beer saloon; above the Mission rooms, is what is known, in down-town parlance, as a 'lodging-house." It has been found necessary to keep a watch on the premises all night, to prevent persons in another part of the building from breaking

The large room is very comfortably furnished, having a gallery at one end suited for little children. There are also all the ordinary facilities for the communica tion of instruction, beside a fine piano-forte presented by Messrs. Lighte & Bradburys to the Mission but a few days previous to the disastrous fire which consumed their manufactory. There is also a commodious room devoted to the purposes of a wardrobe, the shelves of which have been in the course of a few days literally packed with clothing for both sexes. Then there is a small bath-room, which has been used for the cleansing of the nations, for the children brought in have been Danish, Polish, Sicilian, Italian, German, Scotch, English, Irish, and African. The formal opening of the institution took place last Sunday, although Mr. Van Meter has been in the field, out-doors, ever since July. A number of ministers and benevolent ladies and gentlemen were present at the opening, and appeared to be well assured that the enterprise was bound to succeed.

The Missionary has a most winning way in dealing with the young. His singing-school meets every Monday and Thursday evenings, and is one of the finest entertainments in this city. In three days 134 children have been brought into the day-school, and the parents of many of them saved from want by the contributions of potatoes, beans, or crackers, from friends whose pity for the poor take this substantial shape.

The children which we saw in the room yesterday afternoon appeared very happy, and although just introduced to the Mission, they appeared to have become docile and obedient. Mr. Van Meter labors with untiring zeal without the slightest thought of promoting sectarianism, although he would not part with his personal ideas upon the Baptist faith at any rate. He says the field is too rich, and the work too inviting to hazard by sectarian machinery. He hopes that the friends of youth will see to it that the children have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He will be happy at all times to see visitors. Sabbath School teachers are wanted to teach several exceedingly inter-

The following are the officers of the Mission, under whose auspices Mr. V. M. has consented to act as Superintendent:

perintendent:

Wilson G. Hunt, President; Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D., and
Robert Colgate, Vice-Presidents; H. H. Dyer, Secretary; John
B. Durbrow, Treasurer; James Townsend, Auditor,
Ercculier Committee.—Rev. H. G. Weston, D.D.; Rev. E. E.
L. Taylor, D.D.; Wen, Phelpe, Joseph Brokaw, Juo, M. Davies,
Wm. D. Mangum, Rev. Thos. Armitage, L.L.D.; Rev. Samuel
Baker, D.D.; Liepenard Stewart, Juo, M. Bruce, Jr., S. S. Coustant, James B. Peck, Avery Bills.

-Miss MARTHA HAINES BUTT, of Norfolk, Va., is in town, preparing for the press an original work entitle 1 Leisure Moments. Long & Brother are to publish it. We commend it to the attention of those who have leisure moments of their own; but if there should happen to be anything accounted incendiary or treasonable in it, we shall decidedly object to being ruled out of some future canvass for Speaker of the House on account of this recommendation.

AMERICAN PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION .- The Grand Lodge of the American Protestant Association, on Monday night, elected the following officers for the

ensuing year:

W. G. M.—Alexander Pearson; W. V. G. M.—William F.
Lloyd; W. G. Treasurer—John Johnston; W. G. Secretary—
James Nicholson; W. G. Chaplain—Mr. McConnell; W. G.
Conductor—Charles Kennedy; W. G. Assistant Conductor—
Richard Button; W. G. I. Tyler—Mr. Knowles; W. G. O.
Guard—John Bell.

STEFHENS RESENTENCED TO BE HANGED .- In the Surreme Court, General Term, on Tuesday afternoon, James Stephens, who was convicted of poisoning his wife, was resentenced to be hanged, the Court naming Feb. 3 as the time of execution.

FALLING OF A SCAFFOLD IN DUANE STREET-ONE MAN KILLED, AND SEVERAL OTHERS SERIOUSLY IS-JURED.-Yesterday morning, as several laborers were at work on a scaffold erected on the new marble building now in process of construction in Duane street, near West Broadway, one of the supporting-poles suddenly gave way, and precipitated all the workmen to the cellur below. The scaffold had been put up for the use of the plasterers, and in addition to them there were five laborers carrying mortar to them, so that there were nine or ten men on the scaffold at the time seem likely at the close that the quotations of our reg- of the accident. In falling, all but one of them went ular weekly report, which will be made up to-day, through an open skylight into the cellar, making the fall a distance of twenty feet. Most of the men w seriously injured. On being conveyed to the New-York Hospital, the extent of their wounds was ascertained to be as follows: James Madden of No. 248 Avenue A, died soon after being admitted to the Hospital. Barney Gilmarten of No. 8 Franklin street, sustained a fracture of the clavicle. Martin Corey of No. 221 First avenue, suffered a fracture of the thigh. John Conlahan, living at the corner of Seventeeth street and First avenue, was severely injured in the right shoulder and also in the hip. Patrick Hand sustained a contusion of the spine, and John Callahan of No. 224 East Fourteenth street, is suffering from a hurt of the same nature. John Brady received a painful scalp-wound and slight injuries of the back.

In the afternoon Coroner Jackman held an inquest upon the body of Madden at the dead-house attached to the Hospital, when the foreman of the masons, Mr. Dennis Mulshane, stated that he thought the accident was caused by all the men standing upon one plank of the scaffold. He also said that the men had been frequently warned of the danger of throwing their weight on one portion of the platform, and of too many men being on it at once. After hearing the evidence in the case, the Jury returned a verdiet that James Madden came to his death by injuries accidentally received by the breaking of a scaffold-pole at the new building now in the course of erection in Duane street, near West Broadway; and we further exonerate the foreman from all blame."

The deceased was a single man, 23 years of age, and a native of Ireland. Brady and Hand, after a few bours, were well enough to leave the Hospital; but all the others still remain there for treatment.

STRALING FROM HIS EMPLOYERS.-George Bumback, a man about 50 years of age, was arrested on Monday evening by Detective Officers Wilson and Williamson, on a charge of stealing a lot of readymade clothing from his employer, Mr. De Groot of Fulton street. The accused has been employed in the clothing store of Mr. De Groot for nine or ten years, and until very recently had enjoyed their utmost confidence. During last Summer Mr. Bumback bought a house and lot in Hoboken, and incurred various other expenses which led to his being suspected of thieving. The officers watched him for several days, but could not catch him carrying anything from the store. On Menday night they concluded to arrest him, and on searching him it was found that he had on an extra pair of pantaloons, and also a dress coat, belonging to his employers. Subsequently more etolen goods were found at his residence in Hoboken, and others at a second-hand clothing store at No. 90 Baxter street. The female proprietor of the shop, Cecelia Zalka, and Joseph Bennigan, her clerk, were arrested by the same officers on a charge of receiving stolen goods. They were all locked up at Headquarters to await an examination. Bumback is suspected of, and, we believe, admits, having carried on the petty lurceny business for several years, wearing off clothes from the store under his outer garments, and was able from the proceeds of their sale to purchase his house and lot in Hoboken.

THE JOHN BROWN FUND. To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

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received from Mr. Ch. E. Herring, being "grose receipts," thus far, from sale of his John Brown ballad, the entire proceeds of which he proposes to contribute to the Fund. The ballad will be remembered by the readers of The TRIBANN—a very descriptive one of John Brown's life in Kansas, "with his stalwart one and bold." Mr. Herring has arranged it for the voice and piane, and it can be obtained of Horace Weters, No. 323 Broadway, and

Moust Versos .- The following sums have been received since the last report of the Ladies' Mt. Vernon Association:

orb Mrs. Horses F. Clark, Lady Manager, Queens ugh Mrs. Marion Valentine, Lady Manager, Queens County.

hrough Vice-Regent, two small subscriptions.

hrough Mrs. Holbrook, Lady Manager, Warren County

hrough Mrs. Heisey Winr, Lady Manager, Warren Co.

E. T. C. Jadson, est. alias "Ned Buntine".

hrough Mrs. J. H. Ketchum, Lady Manager, Datcher County.
Through Mrs. M. E. Jenkins, Lady Manager, Saratoga county... rough Mrs. Dr. E. P. Phelps, Lady Manager, Montgemery County.
Through Miss Susan F. Cooper, Standing Committee, Otsego County, Schools in Springfield.
Through Mrs. Paris Barlour, Lady Manager, Cortland awrence County... rough Mrs. M. B. Collins, Lady Manager, Clinton Co. a. Adam Woodroff, Strykersville, Wyoming County... rough Mrs. M. B. Colims, Leady Manager, Chinon Co. a Adam Woodruff, Strykersville, W voeming County. 5 Perry Pyne, New York City, through Vice-Regent. 8 Isaac Hore, New York City, through Vice-Regent. mbers of Mechanics' Hose Co. No. 2 Brooklyn, E. D. rough Miss L. Hathaway, L. M., New York City. rough Miss. E. J. Montgomery, Maggie Francis, New rough Miss. E. J. Montgomery, Maggie Francis, New rough Miss.

Total. E. J. MONTGOMERY, Se No. 128 West Thirty-sixth street, Dec. 12, 1839.

REAL ESTATE. - The following sales were made yes REAL ESTATE.—The following sales were made yesterday by A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co: 1 lot on n. s. of 165th-st, 125 feet e. from 5th-av., 252100, \$1,075.4 lots on s. s. of 165th-st, 250 feet e. from 5th-av., 252100, each, \$1,075.4 lot on s. s. of 105th-st, 250 feet e. from 5th-av., 252100, each, \$1,075.1 lot on s. e. cor. 4th-av. and 117th-st., \$250.1 lot on s. s. 118th-st., \$450.1 lot on \$1,075.1 lot o

A CARD .- Our Piano-forte factory having been de-A Card.—Our Piano-forte factory having been de-stroved by fire, we would inform our friends and extrons that we have taken steps for re-building immediately. Until our new building is completed we shall occupy other premises, where we shall carry on the manufactory of Pianos as heretofore, so that we can with as little delay as possible fill our orders. In the mean time we ask the sympathy and indupence of our friends and pairons. Our lumber-yard being on the opposite side of the street to the factory, was entirely uninjured, and we continue to occupy our ware-rooms at No. 421 Broome street, where we have always carried on the department of finishing for the sales-room. Lightin & Fradmunys, No. 421 Broome street.

BURGLARY .- On Monday evening the grocery store BURGLARY.—On Monday evening the grocery store of Frederick Menicke, No. 15 Worth street, was broken into, and robbed of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ in good money, a number of counterfelt bills, and other articles of little value. An entrance to the store was rained by means of forcing a door in the rest, after which the thief escaped by the front way. Later in the evening, Officer Rollins of the Fifth Precinct arrested a colored man by the name of John Smith, alias Charles Young, alias various other convenient cognomens, who was attempting to pass one of the counterfelt bills at an esting saloon in West Broadway. The bill was recognized as one of those stolen from Menicker and, on being searched, other stolen sartless were found in his possession. He was committed by Justice Oaborn to answer a charge of bargiary.

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His assortment of Ornamented Plum and Plain Cakes will be ready on the 20th of this month, and will be found very superior both in beauty and style of ornament, and quality of the Cake.

WEDDING CARDS, NOTES, ENVELOPES, &c.

[Advertisement.]
Millions of Bottles of Mrs. Winslow's Sooth IXH STRUP are now used every year in the United States for Children Teething, with never-falling success. Relief is imme-diate and certain. Only 25 cents a bottle.

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PHRENOLOGY points out the talents, defects, and the particular occupation in which each can best succeed. E aminations, with charts and full written descriptions of char-ter, given daily at FOWLER & WELLS'S, No. 308 Broadway. Doom of Deville, this Afternoon and

Hyranno.—At Barnum's Museum they repeat this celebrated and house-rowding drama twice to-day. Go early, and you may cut a capital seat. Two living Kangaroos have just been added to the cariostities. A painful and lingering death from our national scourse, the Consumption, may be averted by the timely use of Mrs. M. N. GARDNER'S INDIAN BALSAK OF LIVERWORT AND HOARDOYSD. This medicine is sanctioned by "the faculty," and prescribed by the best physicians. It is sold by all Drughsts, and the principal depot is at No. 154 Washington-st., Boston.

CULBERT BROTHERS, No. 777 Broadway, LERVA BUTTONS

BROOKLYN ITEMS.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. -The biennial election of Assistant Engineers of the Brooklyn Fire Department, Western District, was held last night at the several engine houses, and although there was considerable animation, everything passed off peaceably and in order. There were sixteen candidates, of which seven are to be chosen. The following are the names of those in nomination:

Wm. Furry of Engine No. 7; Wm. Vanderveer of No. 22; Summer Tourbe of No. 1; Leander Conklin of No. 17; Wm. Bar-rett of No. 9; Wm. Hughes of No. 9; David Simpson of No. 29; Joseph Howard of No. 4; John Commingham of No. 5; David D. Rogers of No. 19; Stephen Phillips of No. 11; John T. Finn of No. 8; George Chappel of Hoss No. 1; Then, Kerdigan of No. 5; Bichard Lamb of No. 6; George Ward of No. 7.

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRE DE-PARTMENT .- At the annual meeting of the Board of Representanives of the Fire Department, Western District, on Monday night, the following officers were

elected for the ensuing year:
President, Renjamin Wood, ir.; Vice-President, A.B. Thorne:
Tressurer, Wm. Burtill; Secretary, John G. Ganning; Collector
Wm. Hashina.

IMPORTANT ARREST OF ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS-RECOVERY OF A LARGE QUARTITY OF STOLEN GOODS. -For some time past Capt. Woglom and the police of the Fifth Precint have suspected that there existed in Brooklyn, E. D., a regularly organized gang of shoplifters and hall-thieves, and have endeavored to trace them to their rendezvous, but hitherto without avail. For some days past, reports have been made that a youth by the name of Joseph Gottesburg, alias White, had stolen, on various occasions, pieces of goods which were hanging in front of the store of Mr. G. T. Kellam, No. 224 Grand street, but he was so skillful in histhefts that he could not be detected. On Monday evening, however, he was observed to take a piece of muslin twenty-fourth trip, and he intends making another Sin: I accidentally omitted, under pressure of many from in front of the store, and information being given some time after Christmas. The place now occupied cares to acknowledge in this merning's Taisung the rum of \$5 | to Officer Neafie of the Fifth Precinct, he arrested him,

and soon ascertained that he lived at No. 15 Finlace, near Fourth street.

Upon taking him to the Station it was deemed en Upon taking him to the Station it was deemed endient to search the house, and accordingly Sergus Jacobs, Officers Videto, Walsh, Cohen and Nest with Captain Woglom, proceeded to the house as found a large number of articles of clothing which were supposed to have been stolen. The examination however was not thorough, as a search-warrant mecessary. Yesterday, Mr. Kellam procured a search warrant from Justice Fox, and the officers proceeded to thoroughly search the house, when they found a large quantity of goods valued at about three hundred dollars.

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They also found several persons who have long been known as thieves, and engaged in shoplifting and half thieving. They were arrested, and gave their names as Lena Kleindershmidt, Adolphus Kleindershmidt, Frederika Mendellhaum, Jacob and Anna Adrian. The former has the reputation of being one of the most expert and successful shoplifters in the country, well known to the Police. The house No. 15 Fillmore place has been occupied by them but about six weeks and there is no doubt but that the stolen goods now recovered are the proceeds of petty robberies that have been committed from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork. The youth Gottesburg, who was arrested from time to time in Brooklyn and Kenyork.

A LIBERAL CONGREGATION .- At the Westmineter Church, Brooklyn, last Sunday morning, a lively scene ensued at the close of the sermon. The Rev. H. S. Carpenter, the pastor, stated in a few words that the Trustees wished him to ask the congregation for a subscription to pay an existing liability. In a brief time, the whole sum demanded was raised, and with an alacrity which was very general throughout the house-gentlemen rising eagerly to offer their dotations, thus rendering what is so often an irksome effect a cheerful spectacle, even to the strangers present. The subscription exceeded \$2,700.

THE SIXTH WARD SHOOTING AFFRAY .- The man Murray, who was shot in Columbia street on Monday morning, still lies at the City Hospital in a precarious

THE WATER RATES.—The Permanent Board of Water Commissioners communicated an ordinance to the Common Council, on Monday evening, for adoption, by which the water rates are fixed as follows:

Taking water.

Not taking

Four-story, attic or basement... Four-story, attic and basement... Five-story, attic or basement. 13
Five-story, attic and basement. 17
Five-story, attic and basement. 17
Stables and shops are to rate the same as dwellings vithout water, according to their dimensions.

WASHINGTON-MONUMENT FUND. - The whole amount WASHINGTON-MIONUMENT FUND.—The Whole amount received toward the Washington-Monument Fund by the Pentanter of this city, up to December 12, was \$28 47.

COUNTERFEIT BILLS.—Five-dollar bills on the Free-hold Banking Company of New-Jersey were circulated in this city on Monday night.

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COURT OF SESSIONS.—This Court met vesterday, but a no business was ready it was adjourned until this morning.

THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE.—Mr. Charles B. Thornion has recently been appointed Corporation Attorney in place place of Wm. Henry Hagner, resigned.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

A UNION MEETING IN JERSEY CITY .- A Committee of gentlemen, residents in Jersey City, who are opposed to the recent attempt to invade Virginia, are naking arrangements for holding a public meeting, which will probably take place on Saturday evening

BURGLARY.—The house of Mr. Halliday, in Lafayette Village, was entered on Sunday night, and robbed of various articles—among other things, a carving-knife. Yesterday afternoon, young Norton, one of the party charged with burgiariously entering the residence of the Rev. Mr. Van Cleef, was up for examination, when Mr. Halliday identified a carving-knife found in possession of the prisoner as the one stolen from his premises on Sunday. The accused was committed for trial.

AN OLD ORGANIZATION STILL IN EXISTENCE .- The

As Old Organization Still in Existence.—The Newark Dualy News says:

"The Council of the Proprietors of West Jersey still maintain their ancient organization, and meet at stated periods in Burlington. The Surveyor-General resides nere, and here are kept the voluminous records of the Council, embracing piles of manuscript volumes, and rare old original documents touching the early history of the State. These ancient records are continually resorted to by parties throughout West Jersey, some in search of surveys for the land their ancestors took up a century and a half ago, others to ascertain if any vacant land can be discovered, and others yet, to consult them as historical depositories."

SINGULAR CAUSE OF DEATH.—Mr. Wm. A. Zabris-kie of Kinderkamack, Bergen County, died from an apparently trivial cause, on Monday last. Two weeks previous, while eat-ing his dinner in thewoods, a small branch of a tree was broken off by the wind, and in falling struck him lightly on the right temple. Mr. Zabriskie got up, but after walking about a mile he fainted, and became helpless. He became sick, was most of the time derayed, and finally died on Monday of last week, just two weeks after the accident occurred.

- The Boston Recorder, an orthodox Congregational journal in Massachusetts, intimates that Dr. Pomroy had long been under the pressure of a disease affection his brain, which caused apprehensions for his sanity, leaving it to be inferred that his lapse from virtue may, in some degree, be accounted for from this cause.

-It would be necessary to go back to the Biblical times to find the trace of a longevity so extraordinary as that of Capt. Alexander-Victorian-Narcissus Viroux of Belgium, who has just been put on the pension list by a Royal command of the 16th September, 1859. What makes it more wonderful is that Mr. Viroux, born at Chimay Nov. 9, 1709, and who will consequently have attained the age of one hundred and fifty years the ninth of next month, took the strange fancy of entering the service the 16th of October, 1830. But the independence of his country called him, and, in spite of his one hundred and twenty-one years, he did not besitate to fly to her defense. The military state pleasing him, as he felt young and vigorous, he remaired in its service, and attained the rank of Captain-It is only in the last few days that he felt the desire of retiring to the place wherein he first saw the light of

-There is to be an Old Dominion Society formed in this city. The Virginians propose to hold a social eggnog re-union on Christmas day; and whenever they dine together in Society, "corn bread," with "large hominy," and "bacon," are to form prominent articles of the feast, accompanied with good music, varied by the introduction of Virginia reels, and good old cavalier fox-hunting choruses, varied with Washington's and Jefferson's marches.

-Gov. Willard of Indiana is in Richmond, in com pany with the Hon. John S. Robinson and Dr. G. Rose of Indiana, and Robert Crowley of New-York, brother-in-law of John E. Cook, now under sentence at Charlestown. The object of their visit is the pardon of Cook; but the action of the Legislature on Wednesday must render all efforts in that regard hopeless The case of Cook does not come within the jurisdiction of the Legislature, insemuch as he is not convicted of treason. It is competent for the Governor to pardon or commute as he thinks fit; but he will hardly do either, in view of the adverse sentiments of the Legislatur, in relation to the pardon of any of the prisoners The only hope for Cook's friends, and that upon which they doubtless rely, is to operate upon the Governor, through the Legislature, in their individual or unofficial capacity. But inasmuch as any action of this sort must conflict with their public course in this matter, they will hardly be induced to use any influence in behalf of Cook.

-"A Clerk in a Coul Yard" sends us a recollection of the late Theodore Sedgwick that has a very pleasant interest:

"Some eight years ago, when I was quite a lad (I'm not much larger now), I was in the employ of a coal merchant. One day my employer gave me a bill of some ninety odd dollars to collect of Mr. S. I went to his office and left the bill. In the course of a week or two I called for the money. I made known my erraed, when he says, "Wed, young man, what is the amount?" To which I replied (like all other thoughtiess young need), "I don't know." Then he commenced to lecture me on the way to do business for a while. At last he seld, "So you don't know the amount. Wed, I'll tell you what I'll do: I'll give you a check for whatever amount you think it is; if you say you think it \$100 or \$200, I will give it to you." Now, I know it was less than \$100 and more than \$50, so I said I thought it was \$50. Down he sat and draw me a check for that amount, and when I came to re-"Some eight years ago, when I was quite a lad (I'm not much and draw me a check for that amount, and when I came to re-ceipt the bill I found I had made 25 cents by the operation—the bill bring \$94 75."